

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
**Security Committee**

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25X1A MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, [ ] Steering Group  
25X1A FROM: [ ]  
SECOM Member  
SUBJECT: Identification of Contents of Operational and  
Suboperational Compartments

25X1A 1. At today's meeting of the [ ] Steering Group, 25X1A  
25X1A [ ] raised the question, and others expressed interest,  
25X1A whether or not [ ] efforts satisfied the complete  
25X1A requirement on defining ops and subop compartments. Your  
statement, endorsed by [ ] and privately by me, clearly  
directed that further action was required.

25X1A 2. I would like to express similar interest and draw  
25X1A attention to [ ] 27 May 1980 (Serial V1/091/80)  
25X1A proposal for [ ] compartments. It is felt in  
some quarters that serious difficulties will arise if there  
is no further effort along the lines of more clearly defining  
some of the contents of these compartments. Both now are  
defined in the same terms, and on their face encompass  
everything that is now COMINT and all things blanketed  
under HVCCO. Further, there are questions being raised  
about whether or not the contents of whatever NSA proposes  
for these compartments would or could lead to an undesirable  
practice. The proposal by NSA would have requesters (SIO's)  
petition DIRNSA for COMINT access approvals for low level  
staff support personnel handling budget papers, consolidated  
planning papers and assorted other documents that may have  
in fact no substantive COMINT, only information about COMINT  
related material or in a worse case, have nothing except the  
"HVCCO" handling instruction itself.

3. Accordingly, I recommend that the same request for review of substance to be placed in PHOTINT ops and subops compartments be directed toward the  compartmentation proposals for COMINT ops and subops.

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